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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 20-133(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA EXPRESSING INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PAYMENT OF THE WATER AND SEWER ASSESSMENTS FOR KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL NUMBER 17936032 T 06S R 13W SEC 22 SEWARD MERIDIAN HM 2017050 HODNIK SUB LOT 4, WHEN THE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP TRANSFERS TO KACHEMAK BAY MOOSE HABITAT, INC, AND A DEED RESTRICTION FOR CONSERVATION AND PUBLIC USE ARE RECORDED

WHEREAS, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Section 22, Lot 4 Hodnik Subdivision Seward Meridian, Kenai Peninsula Borough parcel number 17936032, is a twenty one acre property which contains valuable wetlands and a large portion of Lampert Lake; and

WHEREAS, The wetlands are part of an ecologically significant system which serves animals such as moose and migratory birds while also providing recreational and ecosystem services to the humans that inhabit and visit the City of Homer; and

WHEREAS, The subject parcel is part of Districts created by Resolution 04-11 which authorized the formation of the Kachemak Drive Phase I Sewer Special Assessment District, and Resolution 05-80 which authorized the formation of the Kachemak Drive Phase 1 Water Special Assessment Districts; and

WHEREAS, There are outstanding water and sewer assessments in the amount of approximately \$78,500 associated with the subject parcel; and

WHEREAS, It is expected that the subject parcel will be purchased by Kachemak Moose Habitat, Inc., a small nonprofit that has preserved more than 630 acres of moose habitat on the Southern Kenai Peninsula since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Kachemak Moose Habitat, Inc allows public access to their lands, and is amenable to a further deed restriction for conservation and public access; and

WHEREAS, While the City is not purchasing the property but the public would be gaining access to recreational opportunities such as ice skating and bird watching in perpetuity, without the costs associated with managing a public park; and

42 WHEREAS, The Council finds that conservation of this parcel provides significant value
43 to the public; and

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45 WHEREAS, the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 4 Land Use, Goal 2 supports the
46 acquisition of environmentally sensitive land for preservation; and

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48 WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Item 2-C-1 states: “Work with land
49 trusts and/or public agencies to acquire land for protection and recreational use”; and

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51 WHEREAS, The Council does not believe it is appropriate for the HAWSP fund to bear
52 the cost of this expansion of conservation and recreation opportunities within the City; and


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54 WHEREAS, The Land Acquisition Fund has sufficient funds to pay the assessments on
55 the subject parcel.


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57 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The City intends to pay the Kachemak Drive Phase
58 I Water and Sewer Special Assessment District assessments on Township 6 South, Range 13
59 West, Section 22, Lot 4 Hodnik Subdivision Seward Meridian, Kenai Peninsula Borough parcel
60 number 17936032 from the Land Acquisition Fund when the property ownership has
61 transferred to Kachemak Moose Habitat, Inc. and a deed restriction has been recorded
62 regarding conservation and public access on the property.

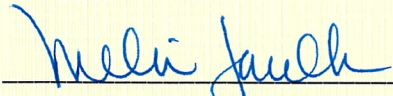
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This resolution will be followed with an Ordinance
65 appropriating the funds from the Land Acquisition Fund when the above conditions have been
66 met.

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68 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 11th day of January, 2021.

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74 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR



75 ATTEST:
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78 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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80 Fiscal Note: Approximately \$79,000 in water and sewer assessments for Kenai Peninsula
81 Borough Parcel number 17936032, LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T 06S R 13W SEC 22 SEWARD
82 MERIDIAN HM 2017050 HODNIK SUB LOT 4.